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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKAAKI ENDO, ET AL.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/779,791) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: February 18, 2004)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND IMAGE)
PROCESSING METHOD) March 9, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

PUBLICATIONS:

“Building Image-Based Cybercities by Using Vehicle-Mounted Cameras”,
T. Endo, et al., pages 276 to 277, 1997.

“Building Image-Based Cybercities by Using Vehicle-Mounted Cameras(2)
Generation of Wide-Range Virtual Environment by Using Photorealistic Images, M.
Hirose, et al., pages 67 to 70, 1997.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
11-168754	Japan	June 22, 1999

REMARKS

Each of the Endo, et al. and Hirose, et al. publications is cited at page 1 of the specification and the JP '754 reference is cited at page 2 of the specification; each is believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. English translations of the Japanese documents are not presently available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. The Hirose, et al. publication includes an English abstract; an English abstract for the JP '754 reference obtained from a commercial database also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

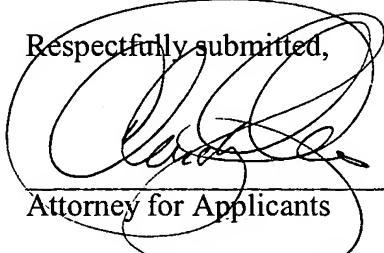
FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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